

Editorial Comments.

Y. M. C. A.

The Kentuckian heartily seconds the motion of its evening contemporary, the New Era, that the Y. M. C. A. building, now vacant, be at once occupied by the young men of the city and dedicated to the uses for which it was built by popular subscriptions. A five-years contract under which the building was completed in return for the rentals, has expired and the building has been vacated. It is far from complete, but it is in a condition to be used at least for reading rooms and other purposes and the young men of the city will do the rest when they understand that the building is theirs. Under the subscription contracts, the dues are paid for one year and there seems to be no good reason for longer delay in carrying out the wishes of those who paid something like \$15,000 to erect the building. A few years ago some of the boys of the city started an active movement to bring about the completion of the house and pledged themselves to raise \$1,000. A paper was started and 85 young men and boys had subscribed \$10 each when it was learned that the contract made by the directors was such that the house was rented until January 1, 1914. This paper with its subscriptions of \$850 is in the possession of the editor of the Kentuckian and much of the money then pledged is no doubt still to be had for the asking. Let the young men themselves "start something" and show that there is a popular demand for a Y. M. C. A. in Hopkinsville.

Why not pass a bill requiring women who vote to pay poll tax?

Representative Fields offers a free trip to Washington to the best boy corn grower in his district this year.

Edward Shouse, at Winston-Salem, N. C., ate 28 raw eggs in less than a minute, breaking the world's record of 24.

Col. Goethals will accept as Governor of Panama and a bill will be passed increasing the salary from \$10,000 to \$15,000 as long as he is Governor.

Mr. Duffy, of Christian, seems to be in the thick of every fight that comes up in the house. John is built along those lines and seldom picks the losing side.

Haiti, the negro republic, is in the throes of another revolution and successful rebels have caused the President, Michel Oreste, and his cabinet to flee from the country to Jamaica.

A little 11-year-old daughter of John Sodusky, a bedridden miner at Wilkesbarre, Pa., agreed to marry a man 45 years old if he would care for her father. A license was procured, but the authorities stopped the wedding.

Miss Ida Rosenthal and Wm. Rosenthal, cousins, of Chicago, went to Milwaukee and passed the eugenic wedding test and were licensed to marry Jan. 31. Being blood relations they could not wed in Illinois.

Each female voter who registers in Illinois is required to give her exact age in years. Women need not take off their hats in taking the oath. The matter of smoking in the polling places is left to the discretion of the board in each precinct. The wife of a naturalized citizen is herself naturalized.

Resolutions adopted by the Tennessee Horticultural Society, at the 50th annual convention held in Nashville Wednesday, vigorously condemn the McKeller cold storage bills, now before congress, as "destructive to the fruit industry, especially apples," and a protest is made against the passage of the bills.

Bohumil Michalek, a violinist from Prague, was sued by a widow 20 years his senior for breach of promise, who followed him to Chicago and secured a judgment for \$8,600 by default. He is now suing her for \$25,000 for slanderous statements in her testimony. Evidently Bo had never profited by the elder Weller's advice to his son, Samuel.

WHEN COURT MEETS AGAIN

Many Important Matters Will Be Before It For Action.

TO ADOPT PHONE FRANCHISE

Question of Increase of Court House Enlargement May Be Up.

When the fiscal court meets in regular monthly session next Tuesday there will be several matters of importance to the public to come up. One will be the telephone franchise to be offered for sale and the Christian-Todd Telephone Company is the only prospective bidder when the sale is made.

Another matter of primary importance, and which should soon be acted on, is the proposed plan for enlarging the court house. The great need of this is plainly evident. The court is composed of intelligent and progressive men, and if they do not see proper to act upon the additional office accommodations Tuesday there can hardly be any room to doubt that all the members of the body will get together on the proposition before many subsequent meetings are held. We have good reason to say this. We are willing to trust the entire body and believe that they will soon, if they have not already done so, see the absolute necessity of the court house improvements being made before the year 1914 closes.

Hopkinsville is rapidly increasing in population, litigation is constantly increasing also, and in order to keep step in the march of progress additional office accommodations cannot much longer be delayed. This is a matter that concerns the people of the county and city alike. They both will bear the cost and the fiscal court will not forget this and will act as their wisdom dictates.

SALE OF FRANCHISE

Will Not Be Taken Up By Fiscal Court Next Week.

Owing to the absence of President R. E. Cooper, of the Christian-Todd Telephone Company, and as the Vice-President did not attend the meeting with the Telephone officers, the Fiscal Court's committee will not present a franchise to the Fiscal Court Tuesday, though the matter will be freely discussed. Both the committee and telephone company have drafted franchises, but as the committee is waiting for a statement from the company as to its property valuation, etc., a franchise will not be submitted to the court for adoption until the middle of February. The sale of the franchise will be advertised ten days before the first Monday in March.

Married Too Young.

J. W. Gunn, a farmer near Floyd Fork, Jefferson county, will take steps to annul the marriage in Jeffersonville Wednesday afternoon of his thirteen-year-old daughter, Anna Lee Gunn and Ernest Ernstine, an eighteen year old youth. Mr. Gunn has not heard from his daughter since she left home Wednesday morning, nor has he been able trace the movements of the couple after they left Jeffersonville.

Considering Next Step.

The Washington Government is strongly inclined to lift the embargo on arms and permit the Mexican Constitutionalists and Federals to purchase munitions of war on an equal footing as the next step in the Mexican policy.

IN PRIME OF MANHOOD

Ernest M. West Passed Away At Father's Home Last Wednesday.

VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Had Been On The Road and Made His Home At Birmingham.

After a lingering illness of tuberculosis, Ernest M. West, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. West, passed into the great beyond last Wednesday afternoon at half past three o'clock, at the home of his parents, East Seventh street.

He was 33 years old and is survived by his wife, father and mother, three sisters and two brothers. The remains were laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery Thursday morning, after funeral services at the Catholic church, of which he was a member for a short time.

Mr. West formerly conducted a bicycle and repair shop here but some time ago he went on the road as salesman for a typewriter company and was one of his company's best representatives. Recently he located in Birmingham, Ala., but he had not been in his new home long before he had to abandon it and come back to his native town, and where, surrounded by mother and father, wife, sisters and brothers, he received every attention and care that his condition demanded and love could suggest.

FORTUNATE HOPKINSVILLE

This City Has Plenty of Water While Other Towns are Suffering.

The rain of yesterday morning, though not what was hoped for, was welcomed all over Western Kentucky.

Coal mines of Western Kentucky have been spending hundreds of dollars a day hauling water from Henderson, Hopkinsville or other points with which to run their machinery. This was due to the dry conditions which have prevailed all through this section following the drought of last summer and the lack of the usual heavy rains and snows expected during the winter season. In some localities there has been no rains of real consequence so far as replenishing the water supply since last March or April. As a result cisterns and wells have given out in the majority of instances, springs and water courses are greatly depleted or exhausted entirely and only mud encrusted basins show where most of the ponds formerly were.

Hopkinsville as usual has been more fortunate than its neighbors in having an inexhaustible supply of pure water. In addition to the water company's lake reserve, covering 100 acres, both rivers are full of water. The dam at Cate's Mill keeps the east fork full and the bridge dam at Second street has maintained a depth of from four to eight feet of water from Second street to the water works dam, a mile and a quarter above. This has given the L. & N. railroad an unlimited supply up and down its line.

Former Legislator.

Collie Shawler, of Hardin county, member of the legislature in 1900 and father of W. A. Shawler, the present representative from Hardin, died a few days ago.

BACK TO OKLAHOMA

Officer Arrived Thursday and Took Silas Butler, Jr., To Woodward.

HE WILL PLEAD INNOCENCE.

Did Good Work for Democratic Victory at Last Fall Election.

Last Thursday morning Sheriff Lou Thomason arrived here from Woodward, Okla. He came after Silas Butler, Jr., a native of this county and who left here some time after the November election, in which he did valiant work for the Democratic candidates and was largely instrumental in rolling up the big majority of Sheriff Jewell Smith. He has many friends in the North-eastern part of the county who regret very much that he got into such serious trouble after leaving home.

Butler was arrested last Monday by Sheriff Smith and Policeman Mitchell and placed in jail to await instructions from the authorities of Woodward, the telegram and the letter following it stating that Butler was wanted on the charge of murdering an old man, who was a patient in the asylum for the insane at Woodward. Three other persons have been arrested on the same charge and have been released, while a fourth is still at large. From the time of his arrest to his departure Butler has maintained his innocence and claims that he will be acquitted. He did not object in the least to going with the Oklahoma officer without a requisition.

CUMBERLAND IMPROVEMENT

Regarded As Certain Since Favorable Report on Bill.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Jubilant over the favorable action of the board of army engineers concerning the improvement of the upper Cumberland, the Tennessee and Kentucky congressional delegations are preparing to move on the house rivers and harbors committee in solid phalanx to secure at this session of congress authorization for the expenditure of \$4,500,000 in canalizing the waterway.

The favorable recommendation of the board of engineers makes it practically certain that congress will authorize the improvement and that an appropriation for the initiation of the work will be carried in the rivers and harbors bill now in course of preparation.

RADIUM HUNTERS

Begin a Rush on the Vacant Lands in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., January 28.—A rush has begun for the radium land in Colorado and Southern Utah. Hundreds of persons are already hurrying there in order to locate before the vacant lands are withdrawn from entry by the Government. Grand Junction is the center of activity.

It is expected that by the time the red tape necessary to the withdrawal of the lands has been unraveled there will be very few claims left. Dozens have been filed on during the past few days at Grand Junction.

The rush is strongly reminiscent of the old-time gold field rushes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Cayce, of Nortonville, arrived Wednesday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith.

WANTS \$15,000 AS DAMAGES

Arthur McRea's Widow Files Suit for Killing of Husband.

KILLED BY TRAIN DEC. 16.

Claims Colored Porter Was Kicked or Pushed From Car Steps.

Through her attorneys Georgia McRea, colored, widow of the late Arthur McRea, filed suit Thursday against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company for damages resulting from the killing of McRea, on the 16th of December, 1913.

The plaintiff says on the day named, while in discharge of his duties at the L. & N. station her husband, Arthur McRea, was killed by being kicked or pushed from the steps of one of its cars by an employe or agent of defendant, and prays for damages in the sum of \$15,000.

Breathitt, Allensworth & Breathitt and R. A. Cook represent the plaintiff and Judge Joe McCarroll and C. H. Bush, local attorneys for the L. & N., will make the defense.

ALL DANGER

To Foreigners Is Past It Now Appears.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 28.—With the arrival today of the United States battleship South Carolina, and with American and German blue-jackets guarding the legations and patrolling the town, conditions at Port Au Prince took on a more orderly aspect. A committee of public safety has been organized and it is believed all danger to foreign residents is past.

President Oreste is still aboard the German cruiser Vineta and the country is without a government. The committee of public safety sent a delegation on board the yacht Nord Alexis to arrange for the entry into the capital of Senator Davlimar Theodor, leader of the revolution, who is at Cape Haitien. Other measures will be taken to establish a government as early as possible.

The South Carolina came here from Guanatanamo. She carries a crew of nearly 900 men, most of whom can be landed at a moment's notice. The Montana's crews, including a company of marines, numbers more than 600.

All firing ceased here today and complete order was maintained. Tonight the streets are guarded by mixed patrols of Americans and Germans.

NEXT ATTRACTION

At Union Tabernacle Tuesday Feb. 3.

Robert Parker Miles, dramatic lecturer who always delights his audiences, will appear at the Union Tabernacle Tuesday night, this being one of the Lyceum attractions. Concerning Mr. Miles' appearance at Beloit, the Kansas City Star says:

"Dr. Miles has a wonderful power of riveting the attention of his audience derived from two sources; one, the eloquent and, at times, picturesque language he employs to give expression to his thoughts, and the other the entertaining manner in which he images the scenes he is depicting on the mental vision of his hearers. He can turn from the serious to the humorous like a flash and depict the homely and the sublime with equal facility of language and like felicity of expression."

TOBACCO MARKET

Hopkinsville Prices Are Bringing Burley Figures Sure Enough.

OVER MILLION POUNDS SOLD.

Demand For Fine Leaf Should Cause Farmers To Properly Handle.

Sales this week on the loose floors have run above half a million mark, as has been the case for some weeks. It is thought that the season's sales will exceed that of last year by several million pounds—probably 30,000,000 pounds in all.

The order this week is not up to that of last, but prices are firm, a little above last week's quotations. There was a decided improvement in the quality sold last week on the loose floors; the highest price on this market was received by a Todd county farmer, being \$14.

QUOTATIONS.

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| Trash | | \$3.50 @ \$4.00 |
| Lugs | | 4.00 @ 8.00 |
| Low leaf | | 6.00 @ 7.50 |
| Common leaf | | 8.00 @ 9.00 |
| Medium leaf | | 9.00 @ 11.00 |
| Good leaf | | 11.00 @ 12.50 |
| Fine leaf | | 13.00 @ 14.00 |

GREEN RIVER POOL.

Owensboro is happy over hearing the rumbling of heavy loaded wagons on its streets caused by the sale of 10,700,000 pounds of tobacco sold by the Green River Equity pool. The contracts call for a price of from \$10 to \$6 for leaf and lugs, \$3 for good trash and \$2 for green.

MILLION POUNDS SOLD.

At Shelbyville last week the sales aggregated 1,017,740 pounds on the loose leaf market, making the total sales for the season 5,803,091 pounds. The offerings of burley were largely of lower grades and but an average of \$10.47 was reached. The market closed at from \$1 to \$1.50 advance for the week. One crop of 8,000 pounds brought \$17; another 8,000 crop brought the same figure; 2,400 pounds brought \$16; another lot of 6,700 pounds brought \$15; three other crops of like size brought \$14.

LOCAL MARKET.

On the local market there was a general advance on all grades.

Below is Inspector Abernathy's weekly report for week ending Jan. 30, 1914:

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| Unsold stock Jan. 23, 1914 | 909 Hhds. |
| Receipts for week | 28 Hhds. |
| Receipts for year | 112 Hhds. |
| Sales for week | 0 Hhds. |
| Sales for year | 71 Hhds. |

LOOSE FLOORS

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| Sales for week | 619,515 Lbs. |
| Sales for season | 3899,630 Lbs. |

Market higher on tobacco showing good order.

POSTOFFICE BILL IS PASSED.

House Provides Record-Breaking Total of \$305,000,000.

Washington, January 28.—The Postoffice appropriation bill, carrying a record breaking total of \$305,000,000, was passed here by the House.

It includes an amendment which extends to Postoffice clerks, letter carriers, rural free delivery carriers, mounted letter carriers and Postoffice messengers, for injuries received on duty, full salary for one year after injury, with an additional half salary for another year if necessary, and a \$2,000 lump sum payment in case of.

Old Lady Killed.

Mrs. Polly Holly, aged 85, was struck by a train at Burns, Tenn., and instantly killed.